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FM AMEMBASSY LOME  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2611  
INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
AMEMBASSY MONROVIA

C O N F I D E N T I A L L O M E 2092

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG OAU TO  
SUBJ: TOGOLESE CAMPAIGN TO GET OAU HEADQUARTERS MOVED TO LOME:  
SOFTLY WITH FEELING

1. I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER EDEM KODJO AUGUST 2 AND  
IN COURSE CONVERSATION QUESTION OF ETHIOPIA CAME UP. I  
ASKED KODJO WHETHER REPORTS WERE TRUE THAT TOGO WAS LOBBYING  
TO GET OAU HEADQUARTERS MOVED TO LOME FROM ADDIS ABABA.  
HE SAID YES BUT THAT TOGOLESE EFFORT WAS VERY LOW-KEY.  
IN CONTACTS WITH OTHER AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS TOGOLESE WERE  
BASICALLY TAKING LINE THAT THEY COULD ACCOMODATE OAU IN  
TOGO, SHOULD IT BECOME NECESSARY FOR ORGANIZATION TO MOVE  
AWAY FROM ADDIS. KODJO MADE IT CLEAR THAT WHILE TOGOLESE  
NOT LEANING FORWARD IN SADDLE, THEY WERE NOT LOSING  
OPPORTUNITIES TO PORTRAY COUNTRY'S ADVANTAGES.

2. I ASKED WHO TOGO CONSIDERED ITS MAIN RIVAL AS NEW  
LOCATION FOR OAU. HE SAID LIBERIA. HOWEVER, HE QUIETLY  
POINTED OUT THAT MONROVIA HAD CERTAIN DISABILITIES STEM-  
MING FROM ITS CLOSE IDENTITY WITH THE US AND LACK OF  
"ADEQUATE FACILITIES" IN COMPARISON WITH TOGO WHERE  
CONFERENCE FACILITIES ALREADY EXISTED AND TWO NEW INTER-  
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NATIONAL CLASS HOTELS WERE BEING CONSTRUCTED TO SUPPLE-  
MENT EXISTING HOTELS.

3. KODJO SAID, HOWEVER, THAT TOGO WOULD BE COOL. IT  
DID NOT INTEND TO PRESS ITS SUIT SWEATILY. THE IMPORTANT  
THING WAS TO BE READY. "IF THE FRUIT FALLS FROM THE TREE  
WE WILL TAKE IT."

4. DEPT MAY WISH TO PASS THIS MESSAGE TO OAU COLLECTIVE.  
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